

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta & Bowman

Reviewed Reliable quote for batteries for the Senior Center and Fire Department generators. Committee approved for batteries to be replaced by Reliable.

NJ DOT FY 2023 State Aid Program was discussed. Committee will discuss and decide what roads should be submitted for grant.

Land Sale Offer for Block 55, Lot 1, for \$1500.00 from Chase Reilly. Land Sale Offer for Block 37, Lot 18 for \$1000.00 from Dawn Cossaboon. Committee set minimum bid of \$2000.00 for both. Clerk will notify both parties.

Steven Hafner, NJ Bureau of Shellfisheries, NJDEP Blue Acres is requesting a letter of support from the Township. Clerk will draft letter.

Special Meeting Dates set for conducting interviews for May 11 & 12, 2022.

Correspondence received from Brenda Hill-Riggins, Royal Dynastic Organics following up from the March 14, 2022 meeting. Clerk will draft letter in response.

Planner Tiffany Morrissey's Redevelopment Plan reviewed. Solicitor Seeley drafter an Ordinance Adopting the Redevelopment Plan known as "Delaware Bay Estates."

#### Correspondence

DEP, Division of Sustainable Waste Management letter requesting assistance in helping local businesses learn and achieve compliance with the Law. Mr. Bowman will deliver letter to local businesses.

Cannabis Regulatory Commission regarding cannabis sales

Hyland Group, Bivalve Packaging Waterfront Development Permit

CCIA, fees to be charged effective June 1, 2022

DEP, Division of Sustainable Waste Management letter regarding the "Get Past Plastic Law". Mr. Bowman will deliver letter to local businesses.

Discussion had on millings being placed on roads that are not paved. Placement of cameras on Thompson Rd. discussed to help with illegal dumping.

George Ripper, Supervisor Public Works, complaining of the dust from the road. Her road is paved and millings were pavement stops. Mr. Ripper is not sure what else can be done. Boat that was illegally dumped on Thompson Rd. will be dismantled and removed by public works. Someone has been cleaning out a house and bringing 3-4 truck loads a day to the convenience center. Convenience Center employees told them they could only bring 1 truck load a day. Abrisco delivered cement for the radio tower. The radios are working well. The dock rebuild is complete and is already being used.

Authorize payment of approved vouchers motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm.

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Mary Harrar, Acting Clerk

Monday May 9, 2022  
Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of March accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Authorize payment of additional approved vouchers motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-39, Refund of Overpayment of taxes to Sheryl Tyler, motioned to approve Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-40, Confirming Land Sale, Block 53, Lot 15, to Michael Rugenus for \$5,000.00. Motioned to approve Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-41, CoreLogic and Lereta refunds for overpayment, motioned to approve Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-42, Appointment of Local Registrar, Mary Harrar motioned to approve Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-43, Cancellation of property tax refund of delinquency of less than \$10.00, motioned to approve Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-44, Authorize sale of surplus property, Block 55, Lot 1 and Block 37, Lot 18. Motioned to approve Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolutions 2022-45, Provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing. Motioned to approve Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

First Reading/Introduction, Ordinance 2022-435, Adopting the Redevelopment Plan known as "Delaware Bay Estates" motioned to approve Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Further consideration for final adoption will take place following a public hearing at the regular meeting of June 13, 2022.

2022 Budget Presentation/Public hearing as advertised. Auditor Fred Caltabiano provided an informative presentation. 2022 estimated tax bill breakdown, only 18.72% goes to the Township with 81.28% going to County and School District combined. 2021 tax collection rate was 95.71%. 45% of revenues are raised by taxation. Schedule of Revenues from 2018-2022 reviewed. Mr. Caltabiano stated the State Aid is anticipated to remain the same at 288,712. The 2022 budget calls for a 0.013 tax rate increase which amounts to 35.82 a year on the average home assessed at 170,000. Mr. Caltabiano asked if there were any questions. Mr. Miletta asked what do we do if fuel costs continue to rise. Mr. Caltabiano stated that a budget transfer or emergency appropriations could be done. American Recovery Funds, 320,285.78, has 3 years to be spent. The budget was not self-exam this year. Motion to open to public, Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Receiving no input from the public motion to close to public Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Motion to table adoption until Special Meeting on May 19, 2022, Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Solicitor Seeley stated he has been in contact with Neil Reilly and John Carr from the County in regards to the Dam. Mr. Sheppard stated that the Township Engineer and the County Engineer need to meet and discuss what the options for fixing it are. Mayor Miletta stated it is a County Road and he believes the County should fix it. Doug Whitaker would like the correspondence received on the dam. Mr. Seeley will forward the report. Commissioner Doug Albrecht talked to Doug Whitaker about the dam. The County does recognize that it's their road and they own the top of it.

County Commissioner Doug Albrecht spoke on the South Ave. project. The estimate for repair was \$2 million and the County does have \$1.5 and are looking for the additional \$.5 million. They have to work with historic preservation due to the trolley tracks. The project hasn't been deemed an emergency and they are close to being able to do the project. Mr. Albrecht asked if there would be sewer in the industrial park and there will not be. Mayor Miletta stated that a vacuum sewer system was planned for Bridgeton going down to Cedarville, Downe Township, etc. however that hasn't happened.

Mr. Bowman spoke on SJAS. Mayor Rick Tonetta from Vineland asked for the study to be done. They are currently trying to find the money for said study. Mauricetown is going to apply for a grant to have it done. They are also going to look at Gloucester model.

Discussion on the CCIA owning the "new" jail site. There is talk of them selling it to Bridgeton for \$200,000.

The ditch that feeds into Cedar Creek needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Bowman will reach out to the mosquito commission.

Mr. Sheppard stated that it is good that the restrictions were lifted with the American Recovery Act monies. Floor quotes for the historical building discussed. Motion to award to the lowest bidder, Preferred Construction, in the amount of \$7,494.60, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Motion to close to public, Sheppard, seconded Bowman. Unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm.

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Mary Harrar, Acting Clerk

May 2022  
Executive Sessions

May 11, 2022

Called to order at 4:00 pm. 4 candidates were interviewed for Construction Clerk Position as scheduled between 4:00pm – 5:00pm, with no action taken.

May 12, 2022

Called to order at 4:00 pm. 4 additional candidates were interviewed for Construction Clerk Position as scheduled between 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Committee discussed various applicants. Applicant Robin Henderson was chosen to fill the Construction Clerk Position motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

May 19, 2022  
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 4:00pm as advertised and held in accordance with the open public meetings act. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

Public hearing as advertised, Calendar Year 2022 Model Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank open as advertised motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Receiving no public input, motion to close hearing Bowman, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Motion to adopt Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget as advertised. Motion to adopt Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Discussion held on Myron L. Powell Schools board of education meetings. The committee would like to send a letter to the board of education to express the committees concerns of the meetings still being held virtual and at an inconvenient time for the parents/community which does not allow for them to voice their concerns. Clerk to draft letter.

Update on Historical Building. George Ripper, Public Works Supervisor, has reached out to Babbitt Manufacturing for pricing of gutters for the historical society building. Mr. Sheppard will contact the building contractor to replace the 2 broken windows. Also, the alarm and phone service for the building were discussed.

Having no further business to discuss motion to adjourn Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.

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Mary Harrar, Acting Clerk